

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 17 as follows:

--The resulting fusion protein consists of connecting the C-terminal lysine of 6-MSAS with the N-terminal methionine of sfp using an (alanine)₃ linker, such that the DNA sequence of the gene in the region of the fusion is:

5'-AAGCTTGCCAAA-GCCGCCGCC-ATGAAAGATTAC-3' (SEQ ID NO:7)

where the lysine and methionine codons are underlined.--